THE SUFFOLK NANSEMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

January 4, 1984

Dear Member:

The next meeting of the Historical Society will be held at Riddick's Folly on Sunday afternoon, January 22, at 3:00 PM. Vice President Ted Friend has arranged a program dealing with the history of the Great Dismal Swamp area that promises to be most interesting.

Our Seventh Annual Candlelight Tour was a success despite uncertain weather conditions. Karen Holliday, Tour Chairman, will give a complete report at our January meeting. We appreciate the efforts of Karen and all the volunteers without whom a tour would not be possible.

I understand we enrolled approximately ten new members during the tour. We will have their names in our next letter.

Thanks to the efforts of our long time member, Jim Byrd, the Colden family has given the Historical Society the iron fireback dated 1768 that stood for many years in their yard at 403 North Main Street. This very generous gift is temporarily on display in a downstairs parlor at Riddick's Folly.

We are indebted to Martha Saunders for arranging pick up from the Virginia Historical Society in Richmond, copies of the Virginia Magazine of History and Biography, Bulletins and Southern Historical Society papers. These were made available to us by the Virginia Society and will be in our room at Riddick's Folly for your perusal in the near future.

In January we are going to organize a work detail to clear out our second floor room at Riddicks Folly and transfer from the third floor room, as many as possible of our documents and perishable items. At the same time we will try to pack and label items left on the third floor. In an effort to get everything under one roof, we are asking any member who has any of the Society's items in storage to notify me so we can arrange pickup of same.

We will schedule a meeting of the Executive Committee in early January. Anyone having an item they wish discussed, please give me a call and it will be placed on the agenda.

Please accept our belated wishes for a Merry Christmas and our sincere hope that you have a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Yours very truly,

Thomas J. O'Connor

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President